GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the use of urea in Indian agriculture has increased;

(b) if so, the rate at which the consumption of urea has increased during the last five years;

(c) the gap between the demand and production of urea in the country;

(d) whether the Gujarat earthquake has adversely affected the urea production;

(e) if so, the implications of this lower production; and

(f) the ways through which the gap is proposed to be filled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a)&(b): The consumption of urea and growth rate during the last 5 years are given below:-

Year	Consumption(lakh MTs)	Growth rate (%)
1995-96	179.09	-
1996-97	190.25	6.23
1997-98	196.19	3.12
1998-99	203.96	3.96
1999-00	202.77	(-)0.58

(c): The country has achieved near self-sufficiency level in the production of urea during the current year.

(d) to (f): Production loss of 6900 MTs of urea in Hazira plant of Krishak BharatiCooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO)due to Gujarat earthquake has not adversely affected the availability of urea in the country.